

Remarks:

A. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Over Benson

The Office Action has rejected pending claims 1, 2, 6-13, 17-23 and 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,650,800 (Benson). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. With regard to claim 1, the Office Action states "Benson discloses in FIG. 5, different regions with different values, such as the teller area, storage, women, window #3, window #4, and where the sensors of each group disclose a unique identification." Final Office Action, p. 6. However, Benson does not disclose "generating a different sequence of characteristic values in each region" as recited by claim 1. Instead, the portion of Benson referred to by the Office Action merely states that a sensor icon on a display map may be moved to a general location corresponding to the sensor's physical location. Thus, claim 1 and claims 2 and 6-10 depending therefrom are patentable over Benson. For similar reasons, claim 11 and claims 12, 13 and 17-19 depending therefrom are similarly patentable, as are claim 20 and claims 21-23 and 27-29 depending therefrom.

Dependent claims 6, 17 and 27 are further patentable as nowhere does Benson disclose "displaying a series of frames and interspersing, among said frames, additional frames having at least two regions each displaying a sequence of characteristic values." In this regard, the Office Action appears to concede that Benson does not disclose such displaying, but rather that regions of a display "would be able to disclose a different characteristic value." Final Office Action, p. 6. Even if this were correct, Benson does not disclose such interspersing

additional frames having at least two regions each displaying a sequence of characteristic values.

Dependent claims 8, 18, and 28 are further patentable over Benson as nowhere does Benson disclose "displaying a time sequence of frames each including at least two regions, and each of said regions displaying a timed sequence of characteristic values." In this regard, the periodic broadcasting of system status recited by the Office Action is not a timed sequence of characteristic values, nor is it characteristic values of regions of a display.

B. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 3-5, 14-16 and 24-26 are allowable.

C. Rejection of Claims Under U.S.C. §112

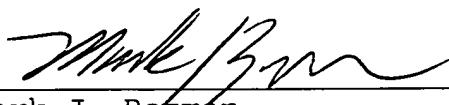
Claims 11-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The Office Action states it is unclear as to what 'an article' is. Final Office Action, page 6. As recited in amended claim 11, an article is something that comprises "a storage medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system" to perform certain actions. As such, claims 11-19 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. More so, as described in the specification, in one embodiment a system includes a storage device 34 that stores a software program 36 (Specification, page 7 and FIG.3). Thus in one embodiment the "article" of claims 11-19 may be a storage device storing a software program. Applicant thus respectfully requests the Examiner to remove this rejection of claims 11-19.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in

accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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APPENDIX

1 11. (Amended) An article comprising a storage medium
2 storing instructions that enable a processor-based system to:
3 resolve a display into at least two regions; and
4 generate a different sequence of characteristic values in
5 each region.